

Literary Notes

Four practical yet puzzling questions as to the relation of a young man's religion to his daily life were submitted to Rev. Robert Collyer, Cardinal Gibbons, Rev. W. S. Rainsford, Mr. Dwight L. Moody and "Ian Maclaren." Their answers appear in the January *Ladies' Home Journal* under the title, "A Young Man's Religious Life."

The Youths' Companion contains the most carefully selected, instructive and interesting miscellany printed in any American periodical. The New Year's number is rich in this department. The principal feature of the number is Mr. Gladstone's recollections of Arthur Henry Hallam—a paper of extraordinary interest and charm. The article is illustrated with fine portraits of Mr. Gladstone and the subject of his sketch. A number of excellent short stories, editorial articles touching on various current topics, and notes on science and affairs fill out this most attractive number of the great family weekly.

The Preacher's Magazine for February, contains its accustomed rich and varied contents. The sermon by Rev. S. Parks Cadman is of commanding merit, and one by Rev. Andrew Murray is of marked devotional spirit. Excellent pictures of the authors are printed in connection with the sermons. "The Story of the Royal Procession," by Rev. Mark Guy Pearse, is incisive and evangelical. A missionary sermon by Dr. Thoburn Macgun, and a soldier's sermon by Major J. B. Ketchum, are stimulating. There is a flood-tide of most aidful and thought-inspiring "Homiletics." "Serving the Lord," by Rev. John S. Simon; "The Two Ways," by Lewis J. Carter; and "Joyful News," by Rev. Samuel Oliver, all are full of vigor. Outlines from the Book of Proverbs on Temperance, by Rev. Robert Brewin; "Seed Thoughts," by Rev. William Lee, and other sketches enhance the value of this issue. A Funeral Outline Sermon (prize sketch) by the Rev. Henry Warring; "Our Expositor's Note Book," and "Notes and Illustrations" are prolific aids to preachers. The "Birth Days" of Washington and Lincoln suggest appropriate reference. "Abraham Lincoln's Religion," by Rev. Fred. M. Davenport, treats with royal care that theme. Dr. William E. Ketchum's Notes on the S. S. Lessons, and Outline Addresses on the Golden Texts are, as usual, pertinent and pointed. "The Strength and Weakness of Present Day Preaching" is discussed ably by Rev. Dinsdale T. Young. "Pitfalls in Bible English," one of a series of articles by the Rev. J. A. Clapperton, will command intense interest. "A Children's Sermon," by Rev. Charles E. Rhodes, is attractive. A new and winsome department appears entitled "Preachers and Preaching." Other articles are to be found in this always welcome magazine.

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